

13. (Cancelled)

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#### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Applicant has attempted to address every objection and ground for rejection in the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, and believes that the claims as amended are in allowable form.

#### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

The Office Action objected to the wording in Claim 9. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

#### **CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 USC §112**

Claims 1, 9 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the requirements of the office action. Claims 9, and 19 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claim 1 and all dependent claims therefrom.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 USC §102**

Claims 9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), second paragraph as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,844,230 to Hudson et al. Claims 9 and 14 have been cancelled. Further, claim 13 has been cancelled.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 USC §103(a)**


Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Platti '626 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,508,021 to Brozak. Claim 10 has been amended and is now a dependent claim of claim 1. As such, applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 10.

The art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed by applicant and is believed not to anticipate or render obvious any claims in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, in light of the amendments and the remarks, is in a condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner determine that there are outstanding issues which may be readily resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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